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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
TELECOMMUTING/TELEWORKING PROJECT KICKS OFF**

NASHVILLE- Gov. Don Sundquist and Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill announce the first state sponsored Telecommuting/Teleworking Project, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. at our Huntingdon Career Center at 19870 East Main Street in Carroll County.

This project came about as one solution to high unemployment in areas with access and infrastructure problems, and limited employment opportunities, so we took the jobs to one of the hardest hit areas. We chose Carroll County where the unemployment rate in January was 10.4 percent, and in February the rate rose to 11.6 percent. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development hired three dislocated workers, and three Families First participants for data entry at our Huntingdon Career Center. We are hoping this project will demonstrate to other employers that telecommuting/teleworking is a viable option to helping economies in the hardest hit areas.

Telecommuting/teleworking has become a trend nationwide, as more people look for alternative methods of employment. According to the international Telework Association and Council (ITAC), approximately 28 million, or one in five, U.S. employees participate in some form of teleworking—at home, on the road, in telework centers, or in satellite offices.

Media will be allowed to view the six new telecommuting/teleworking employees on the job and interviews can be arranged.

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